

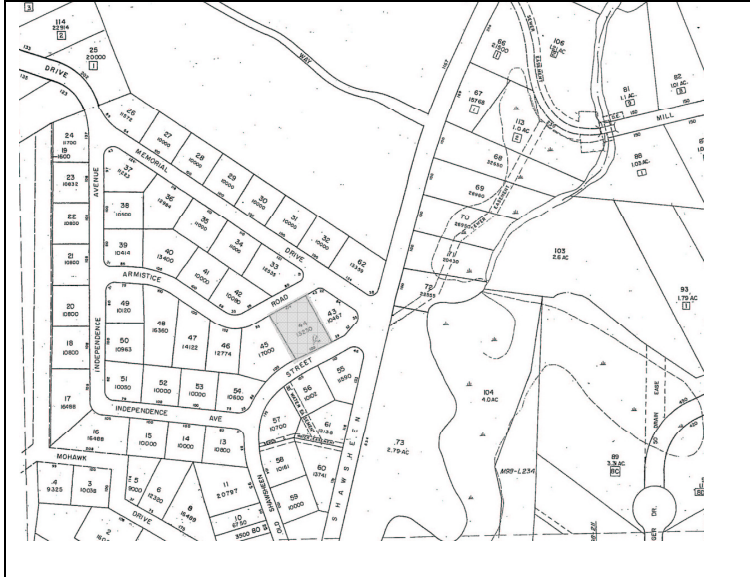
FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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Town: Tewksbury

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)

Address: 912 Old Shawsheen Street

Historic Name: Clark House

Uses: Present: Single Family Residential

Original: Single Family Residential

Date of Construction: c1780

Source: Patton's *Ask Now of the Days that are Past*

Style/Form: Colonial

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Vinyl Siding

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Siding(1964-2009)

Land subdivided (c1955)

Condition: Fair

Moved: no | X | yes | | **Date** _____

Acreage: 0.3 acres

Setting: Located in a formerly rural area developed in the second half of the 20th century as a suburban residential area.

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Tewksbury

912 Old Shawsheen Street

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220 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston, Massachusetts 02125

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___ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The four by one bay house at **912 Old Shawsheen Street** is two-and-a-half stories in height. The L-shaped building rests on a granite foundation. The side gable dwelling has been altered by a rear addition with a continuous shed roof. A brick chimney pierces eastern slope of the asphalt shingle sheathed roof. The walls of the house are clad in vinyl siding. An entrance on the west facade faces Old Shawsheen Street, and an entrance on the east facade of the main house provides access to the dwelling from Armistice Road. The front door is protected by storm door. There is not door surround or trim. Windows include 1/1 replacement sash windows, and 3/1 sash windows on the rear addition. A stone wall separates the rear yard from Armistice Street.

It is unique locally to have four bays, although there are several five by one bay dwellings built in the Federal Era in Tewksbury. An interior investigation of the structure of the house might indicate if this dwelling was originally three bays with an addition to the south that then formed the fourth bay.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Old Shawsheen Street is part of the original Shawsheen Street. The sharp curve in Shawsheen Street was straightened by the county 1961-1962. The house is oriented toward Old Shawsheen Street although it is accessed off Armistice Road. Armistice Road is part of the "Riverview" subdivision. The first plan, laying out Armistice Road, Independence Avenue and Memorial Drive was drawn in 1955¹.

According to local history the residence is known as the "Clark House" and was built c1780. Several members of the Clark family live to the north and the south of this dwelling in the 19th century. However none of the 19th century maps indicate that a Clark lived in this dwelling. Additional deed research would be necessary to determine owners prior to the 1850s. In 1852 the house was owned by G. Edmunds. No census or vitals records were found for any Edmunds in Tewksbury c1850, except for William Edmunds, who died in 1867.

In 1875 the resident was Jacob Kinsman, a cordwainer, of Beverly, MA. Jacob Thomas Kinsman was born in 1837 to Oliver Dodge Kinsman and Ruth Thompson. He served from 1862 to 1865 in the Massachusetts Infantry. In 1866 he married his second wife, Sarah Elizabeth Thomas (1845-1891), in Beverly. While living in Tewksbury they had one son, Jacob Franklin, born in 1867 and one daughter, Anna Elizabeth, born in 1871. Their son Jacob Franklin died in 1876. By 1880 the family had moved to Salem.

In 1889 the resident was John Keating, a farmer and Irish immigrant. In 1890, property valuations indicate John owned a house, barn, 10-acre homestead lot, a 4-acre Railroad lot, 1 horse, 2 cows, and a yearling. John and his wife Mary immigrated c1865. They married in 1874. They had a daughter, Mary A Keating who was a dress maker and a daughter Nora F who worked as a nurse at the State Hospital.

¹ Lot #3 Plan Book 85 Plan No.118 North Middlesex County Registry of Deeds.

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Additional owners include: Robert Barron (1934); Windward Homes, Inc. (1955) Albert & Elisabeth Beaulieu (1955-1956) 1335/411; Mr. & Mrs. Sheldon E Brown (1956-1970) 1938/385; Barbara Brown, Sheldon's wife (1970-1986) 3505/324; Philip & Cherie Quirici (1986-1991); First National Bank of Boston (1991) 6235/55; Richard J & Brenda Estes Jr. (1991-1992) 6235/55 Ronald & Sally Mank 1992-(2001)13044/259; Pater Gianacopolis & Stacey Whiteaker (2001-2003); and Kristin A Hartman (2003-2009).

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The rear of the house as seen from Armistice Road.

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